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SUBJ: ROK PRESS MODIFIES PREDICTION OF UN CONFRONTATION

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1. ON JULY 28, ENGLISH LANGUAGE KOREA TIMES CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED ITS ALLEGATION OF JULY 23 WHICH HAD PREDICTED "SHOWDOWN" ON KOREAN ISSUE AT UN THIS YEAR. LANGUAGE IN SECOND LEAD STORY ON 28TH HAD MUCH Milder TINGE, STATING THAT ROKG WILL "ACTIVELY" SEEK APPROPRIATE COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST NORTH KOREA'S CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT ANOTHER VOTE CONFRONTATION AT FORTHCOMING 31ST UN SESSION. WHEN ASKED, HOWEVER, WHAT EXACT MEASURES MOFA HAD IN MIND, AUTHORITATIVE MOFA SOURCE, ACCORDING STORY, REFUSED TO GO INTO DETAIL ALTHOUGH SOURCE DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF VOTE CONFRONTATION.

2. JULY 28 STORY ALSO QUOTES "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES" AT MOFA AS SAYING THAT ROKG "HAS TO TAKE SOME NECESSARY MEASURES AGAINST NORTH KOREA'S MANEUVERS AT UNITED NATIONS" AND THAT NORTH WAS CONCERNED WITH PROPAGANDA AT UN BODY RATHER THAN MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE AT SOUTH/NORTH TALKS. SOURCES MADE IT CLEAR THAT SOUTH/NORTH DIALOGUE WAS PREFERRED BY SOUTH TO UN DEBATE AS MEANS
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OF SOLVING PENINSULAR PROBLEMS.

COMMENT: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION BUREAU DIRECTOR CHONG U-YONG
SAID LAST WEEK ROKG WAS MAKING EFFORTS TO SQUASH "CONFRONTATION"
SPECULATION AS EVINCED IN JULY 23 STORY. THIS FOLLOW UP ARTICLE
OF JULY 23 INDICATES EFFORT WAS REWARDED THIS TIME.
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